

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 5-14 are currently pending.

I. The Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

Claims 6 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over: WO 03/074611 (WO '611) and Tanaka et al (US 7,115,320); in view of Ullmann's Encyclopedia of Industrial Chemistry (Ullmann's).

In the Office Action dated September 19, 2007, the Examiner notes that Applicants can not rely on the foreign priority papers to overcome the rejection based on WO '611 because a translation of a foreign priority document has not been filed which provides support for claims 6 and 8.

Applicants submits herewith sworn English translations of the priority documents JP2003-295634 and JP2003-295636. Applicants state that claim 6 of the present application corresponds to claim 1 of JP2003-295634. Applicants state that claim 8 of the present application corresponds to claim 5 of JP2003-295636.

In view of the above, Applicants submit that WO '611 is not available as prior art and request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 be withdrawn.

II. Conclusion

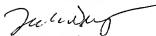
In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that their claimed invention is allowable and ask that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 be reconsidered and withdrawn. Applicants respectfully submit that this case is in condition for allowance and allowance is respectfully solicited.

Response Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116
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If any points remain at issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the local exchange number listed below.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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